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regarding making of an anatomical gift that can be simplified into three simple questions. The new questions are: Do you wish to be an organ and tissue donor? Do you wish to receive any additional specific information regarding organ and tissue donation? And third, do you wish to donate a dollar to promote the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund? That was the bill we passed last year that was Senator Bourne's priority bill that established the fund for promotion of organ and tissue donor awareness in Nebraska. So this will...there's a blue sheet that has the information that you can read through. It will simplify the process. What this is, is a lot of just language change that becomes a little more current than what we previously had in law, and it will also help with the interactive driver's license process. And the department also has a brochure with more information that's available to people so, even though it isn't in the law and isn't required to be stated, people who have questions can look at the brochure or they can talk to the person who's processing their license. They also are going to eliminate having to have two witnesses sign the donor application because at...the driver's license itself also requires a witness and both processes...one process could be used for both of these signatures. So that's the extent of this bill and I hope you will pass it today.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments, as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, to LB 969.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Senator Cudaback. The committee amendment simply changes the...the effective date of the act to January 1 of 2001. Since the bill was filed previously and had a January 1, 2000, effective date, this simply changes the date. That's all the committee amendment does.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk. Okay, we're now on the committee amendments to LB 969. We're open for discussion. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Just shortly, this does improve the organ donor business. It's very important and it has been done in other